

CRRSAA and ARP – Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds

North Seattle College received Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSSA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP), and will post the required information to this website and update every quarter.

North Seattle College is posting this information to comply with the reporting requirements listed below.

- (1) **An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CARES and CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

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- (2) **The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

North Seattle College has received \$897,655 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES program.

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North Seattle College has received \$3,448,225 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the ARP program.

- (3) **The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).**

\$2,793,055 January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022

- (4) **The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

5,971

- (5) **The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

1265 students as of March 31, 2022

- (6) **The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

North Seattle College disbursed CRRSSA funding awards by both student application request and direct disbursements.

Awards by Student Request

The college provides students with two opportunities to apply for funding for 1) emergency expenses by completion of the general emergency assistance application located at <https://northseattle.edu/emergency-assistance-students> and 2) School related expenses; tuition/fee, textbooks and supplies, and general personal expenses by completion of the [CARES funding application](#).

Emergency expenses are generally capped at \$2000 for the first quarter and \$500 for subsequent quarters.

School related expenses include tuition and fees where expenses may be covered for quarterly tuition and fee amounts; textbook and supply support is \$314 per quarter based on the Financial Aid Cost of Attendance; personal expenses are \$500 per quarter, if requested. Student accounts were credited when requested by the student in the application, otherwise they were released as a refund to the student.

Direct Disbursements

Direct disbursements of \$1500 were made to enrolled students with a zero EFC as indicated by their Financial Aid Application for fall quarter 2021 and winter 2022.

Some direct disbursements of \$1500 per quarter have been made to students enrolled in programs where eligibility is determined by the receipt of public benefits, low income status, and/or receive of unemployment insurance payments.

- (7) **Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.**

The notice of the availability of funding is provided to students by several methods, including: posting in online course message boards, messages in Canvas, weekly student leadership bulletin, and by faculty and staff when working with students. During the reporting quarter we also held an online workshop to inform students of the availability of emergency funds and aided via follow-up appointments for those who needed assistance applying or had questions about their funding eligibility.